

Homeowner Installs Record-Setting Solar Energy System

A family in Morrison, Colorado, has installed a record-setting solar electric system at their home. The 12-kilowatt system will provide most of the electricity for Jack Rickard's 6,000-square-foot home and family of eight. The system is the largest residential installation in the United States to be registered with DOE's Million Solar Roofs program. Rickard will also be able to sell excess electricity back to his electric utility, Public Service Company of Colorado (PSCo) – an approach known as "net metering." PSCo is partnering with Altair Energy to install home photovoltaic systems through a program called Solarsource. For more information, see the Altair Energy press release at:

http://www.altairenergy.com/press/pr000211.htm>.

For more information about DOE's Million Solar Roofs program, see the Web site on EREN at: http://www.eren.doe.gov/millionroofs/>.